MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

ANNA UNIVERSITY, CHENNAI
INDIA

and

UNIVERSITY OF SKÖVDE, SWEDEN
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Sardar Patel Road, Guindy
Chennai 600025, INDIA.

and

UNIVERSITY OF SKÖVDE,
Högskolevägen, Box 408, 54128 Skövde, Sweden

WHEREAS,
Anna University was established on 4th September 1978 as a unitary type of University. It offers higher education in Engineering, Technology, Architecture and Allied Sciences relevant to the current and projected needs of the society. Besides promoting research and disseminating knowledge gained there from, it fosters cooperation between the academic and industrial communities. The University was formed by bringing together and integrating two well-known technical institutions in the city of Madras. College of Engineering, Guindy (CEG) (1794), Madras Institute of Technology, Chromepet (MIT) (1949) and three Technological Departments of the University of Madras, Alagappa College of Technology (ACT) (1944), School of Architecture and Planning (SAP) (1957). From December 2001, the University has become a large, highly renowned University with affiliating status.

WHEREAS,
The University of Skövde, Sweden was established in the year 1977. The university is a government agency under the Swedish Ministry of Education and Research. It offers higher education within the area of Engineering Science, Informatics, Bioscience, Business, and Health Sciences. The University of Skövde is one of the most specialised universities in Sweden with research conducted with close collaborations with industries within five areas: Informatics, System Biology, Virtual Engineering, DHEAR (Digital HEAlth Research), and Enterprise for the future. The University provides competitive research and highly skilled researchers to its partners within academia, the industry and society in general.
The signatories agree:

ARTICLE 1: Common Shared Vision

1.1 Signatories of this agreement share the following common vision: the promotion and enhancement of the dissemination of knowledge in order to provide society with superbly trained professional engineers, and in the creation of knowledge through the scholarly research activities of its faculty, staff and students in order to provide society with the vitally needed highly qualified personnel.

1.2 Signatories of this agreement agree in principle to establish for themselves a preferential Institutional partner status.

ARTICLE 2: Responsible offices

Anna University and the University of Skövde agree to appoint an overall coordinator for the administration. The coordinator will serve as the contact person on campus, being responsible for arrangements associated with visits, ensuring that necessary approvals are in place and the general welfare of the students/faculty.

ARTICLE 3: Commitment of the signatories

Anna University and the University of Skövde commit themselves to work together in a collaborative, collegial relationship of mutual benefit with the contribution of complementary skills and resources towards the common shared vision.

3.1. Student exchange programme

3.1.1. Anna University and the University of Skövde would offer opportunities to undergraduate and postgraduate students from the partner institution to carry out projects in their own laboratories.

3.1.2. Anna University and the University of Skövde agree in principle to intake in the regular engineering curriculum undergraduate and postgraduate students from the partner institution for one semester or one year.

3.1.3. Proposals for students must be done in advance and agree upon with sufficient notice to both parties. The exact number of students will be agreed upon by the two institutions on an annual basis. In any given year, the number of students hosted can vary.

3.1.4. The home institution will be responsible for screening and selecting students, subject to acceptance by the host institution.
3.1.5. The host institution will assist the students to obtain housing and with other matters of hospitality, but is not obliged to provide financial assistance of any kind.

3.1.6. Participating students shall be responsible for obtaining their own visas and completing the required immigration formalities.

3.1.7. Students participating to the programme will pay appropriate tuition fees at their home institution during the period at the host institution. They will also pay for all personal expenses at the host institution, including visa, housing, travel, meals and health insurance. They will be exempted from tuition fees at the host institution.

3.2. **Faculty exchange programme**
The agreement also envisions co-operation for faculty exchange through deputation for short term assignments spread over not more than a year in areas mutually identified.

3.3. **Other activities**
The above-mentioned activities are not exclusive; other may be considered, such as:

- Joint projects,
- Collaborative research activities, including joint supervision of doctoral students,
- Joint academics programs,
- Other areas of mutual interest.

When relevant, the above-mentioned activities will be described in a specific document.

**ARTICLE 4: Administrative provisions**

4.1 **Terms and termination**
This agreement will become effective upon signing and shall be effective for five (5) years, or until earlier termination by either party in keeping with the terms of this Agreement. This agreement shall be renewed if both parties agrees at the end of the five-year-term.

4.2 **Modification**
If any exchanges in the above clauses or a modification are intended then it can be carried out by mutual consent of both the parties.
ARTICLE 5: Termination

Either party may terminate the agreement by giving six month notice of termination in writing to the other party. Termination of the agreement will not affect the exchange of the students accepted for the participation in the exchange program pursuant to this agreement or the obligations of each party to the exchange balance where such acceptance or obligations arise prior to the date of receipt of the termination notice.

For and on behalf of
Anna University, India

Prof. R. Velraj
Vice-Chancellor

For and on behalf of
University of Skövde, Sweden

Prof Lars Niklasson
Vice-Chancellor
Date: 2021-10-22

Prof. G. Ravikumar
Registrar

Date: November 09, 2021

Prof. G. Nagarajan
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